

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed on 12/18/2007 has been entered:

- Claims 1, 12 and 19 have been amended;
- Claims 4, 11, 14 and 21-22 have been cancelled; and
- New claims 25-27 have been added.

Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-13, 15-20 and 23-27 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 12 and 19 being independent.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Edward B. Weller (Reg. No. 37,468) on 1/29/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims

4. Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

- a. Claim 1, lines 2-3, "configured to emit a fluid from" has been changed to -- including--.
- b. Claim 1, line 3, following "points", insert --for emitting fluid--.

- c. Claim 1, line 3, following "and", insert --including a plurality of concentric rings, each ring having opposing convex surfaces--.
- 5. Claim 12, lines 6-7, "being configured to" has been changed to --including a plurality of concentric rings, each having opposing convex surfaces to--.
- 6. Claim 19 has been amended as follows:
 - a. Claim 19, line 10, following "having", insert --an--.
 - b. Claim 19, line 11, "configured to" has been changed to --including a plurality of concentric rings, each having opposing convex surfaces to--.
 - c. Claim 19, line 12, delete the 2nd appearance "rays".
- 7. Claim 23, line 1, "22" has been changed to --19--.
- 8. Claim 24, line 1, "22" has been changed to --19--.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 9. Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-13, 15-20 and 23-27 are allowed.
- 10. The following is the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 12 and 19 are allowable because the prior art fails to show or teach a fluid driven lighting system with a combination of a showerhead and a fluid driven power supply, wherein the showerhead includes a body and an optical lens element, a beam from a light attached to the body is directed to the optical lens element, the optical lens element includes a plurality of concentric rings, each ring having opposing convex surfaces to focus exiting light rays toward fluid release-points/outlets to illuminate outgoing fluid, and the fluid driven power supply communicates with a rechargeable battery.

11. Claims 2-3, 5-10, 13, 15-18, 20 and 23-27 are allowed because of their dependency upon independent claim 1, 12 or 19.
12. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gunyoung T. Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-8588. The examiner can normally be reached between 7:30 - 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra L. O'Shea can be reached at (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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